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SUBJ: GUADALAJARA CONGEN FIRE, APRIL 2

REF: A. MEXICO 2886

B. MEXICO 2911

1. GUADALAJARA CONGEN OPENED FOR BUSINESS ON SCHEDULE MONDAY, APRIL 7TH. AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES ARE BEING PROVIDED FROM TEMPORARY QUARTERS ON OFFICE BUILDING GROUND FLOOR FOR DURATION OF REPAIRS, WHICH BUILDING OWNER'S EXPERTS SAY WILL REQUIRE SOME 45-60 DAYS TO COMPLETE.

2. INSURANCE CARRIED BY MARHNOS (OWNER) WILL, WE ARE ASSURED, COVER COST OF ALL STRUCTURAL REPAIRS, INCLUDING REWIRING, AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM REPAIRS, AND REPLASTERING/REPAINTING OF OFFICES IN GROUND FLOOR AMERICAN CITIZENS SERVICE AREA WHICH SUSTAINED GREATEST DAMAGE DURING FIRE. EXTENSIVE CLEANING OF INTERIOR BUILDING WALLS AND FLOORS PLUS SOME REPAINTING IS ALSO COVERED BY INSURANCE.

3. COSTS OF CLEANING VIRTUALLY EVERY RUG AND EACH PIECE OF UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE, PLUS REPLACEMENT OF IRREPARABLY DAMAGED NON-EXPENDABLE PROPERTY WILL, WE ASSUME, HAVE TO BE FUNDED BY USG. FOR THE TIME BEING WE ESTIMATE

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CLEANING COSTS AT US \$3000 AND PROPERTY REPLACEMENT COST

AT US 12,000 EMBASSY IS ABLE, THANKS TO COOPERATION OF OTHER AGENCIES, TO BORROW OFFICE FURNITURE FOR A TEMPORARY USE IN AMCIT SERVICES SECTION ONCE IT IS REPAIRED, BUT OFFICE MACHINES AND ESPECIALLY ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY. GUADALAJARA URGENTLY REQUIRES THREE ELECTRIC MACHINES, 110V, 60 CYCLE, PICA TYPE, TO REPLACE MACHINES CONSUMED BY BLAZE AND WE WILL APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING THESE ITEMS. SIMILARLY, GUADALAJARA'S AMCIT WORKLOAD MAKES AN ELECTRIC PASSPORT TYPEWRITER NECESSARY. WE HAVE ONLY A MANUEL MACHINE TO LOAN THE POST. EMBASSY ORDERED REPLACEMENT MACHINE FOR CONGEN WITH SALES PROCEEDS IN LATER MARCH 1975, BUT POSSIBLE DELIVERY DATE UNKNOWN. IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE MACHINE FOR TEMPORARY USE (AND WE UNDERSTAND LOAN MAY BE IN PROCESS NOW) IT WILL FILL AREAL GAP.

4. RSO'S INSPECTION AT GUADALAJARA ON APRIL 3RD REVEALED NO RPT NO EVIDENCE OF ARSON. INVESTIGATION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN CONTINUING, BUT PRELIMINARY REPORTS TERM FIRE ACCIDENTAL WITHOUT ATTEMPTING PINPOINT CAUSE.

5. EMBASSY HOPES BE ABLE SUBMIT BY MID-APRIL DETAILED LISTING OF DESTROYED NON-EXPENDABLE PROPERTY PLUST ACTUAL CLEANUP COSTS. IN MEANTIME, WE INTEND CHARGE COST OF CLEANUP TO SHARED; PROPERTY REPLACEMENT IS PROGRAM ONLY. EMBASSY CANNOT ABSORB THESE COSTS AND ALLOWANCE INCREASE WILL BE NEEDED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ONE ELECTRIC PASSPORT TYPEWRITER, PLUS THREE ELECTRIC STANDARD TYPEWRITERS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.
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